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Filed: March 27, 2001

For: **BUTTON FOR AN ELECTRIC DEVICE AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING  
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**REQUEST FOR REFUND**

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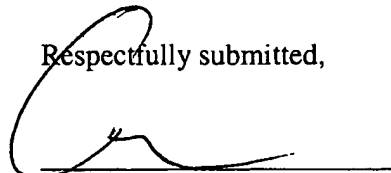
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final Office Action dated April 29, 2003.

A check for the statutory fee of \$330.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three months, extending the time for responding to the Final Office Action dated April 29, 2003 to October 29, 2003. A Petition for a two month extension was filed with the Amendment on September 24, 2003.

A check for the statutory fee of \$540.00 (which is the difference between a two month and three month extension) is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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| APPLN. TYPE    | SMALL ENTITY | ISSUE FEE | PUBLICATION FEE | TOTAL FEE(S) DUE | DATE DUE   |
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